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PATENT  
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Douglas A. NEWBERG Conf.: 9994  
Appl. No.: 09/688,143 Group: 1744  
Filed: October 16, 2000 Examiner: W. BEISNER  
For: DRAINABLE FERRULE VALVE DESIGN

SMALL ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM  
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

August 20, 2002

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
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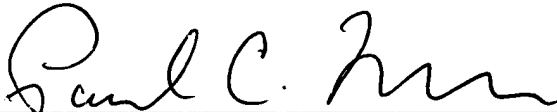
- ☒ Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$55.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$139.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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Enclosed herewith is a Supplemental Declaration that should be made part of the record of the present application.

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DRAINABLE FERRULE VALVE DESIGN

the specification of which is attached hereto. If not attached hereto,

the specification was filed on October 16, 2000 asUnited States Application Number 09/688,143and amended on March 1, 2002

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representative or assigns more than twelve months (six months for designs) prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

## Prior Foreign Application(s)

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Insert Prior U.S.  
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